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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mathias FIBI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1642
Application No.: 08/897,441) Examiner: K. Canella
Filed: July 21, 1997) Confirmation No.: 4501
For: *Erythropoietin (EPO) Peptides and*)
Antibodies Directed Against These)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the
Office Action of June 8, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 6, 2004

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